(b) whether it is also a fact that the profitability of the fertilizer units in the country is being eroded because of the inordinate delay in the release of normal Government subsidy dues;

(c) whether it is a fact that Government's decision to increase the capacity utilisation norms for different categories of plants and to re-work the depreciation rates on the basis of 20 years life assets would seriously effect the assets of the fertilizer companies in the country; and

(d) if so, whether Government propose to remove the uncertainties in the fertilizer industry which is fast losing its credibility as an investment proposition?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI R. PRABHU): (a) Fertilizer manufacturing companies which operate in a cost effective manner at the norms of capacity utilisation and consumption efficiencies, as prescribed in the Retention Price and Subsidy Scheme, are expected to get 12 per cent post tax return. However, actual return is determined by factors like actual capacity utilisation, marketing expenses, consumption efficiencies etc., which vary from unit to unit.

(b) Although payment of subsidy on bills which are complete in all respects is made within a maximum period of 60 days from the date of receipt of the claims, there are delays sometimes, in release of subsidy payment due to constraint of funds particularly towards the end of the financial year.

(c) and (d) The Government decision is based on the experience and performance of the fertilizer manufacturing companies, technological developments resulting in higher productivity, availability of gas as feedstock etc.

2654. [*Transferred to the 30th March, 1989*]

Reduction in the work load of the ministry

2655. SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of the work load reduced in the Ministry due to transfer of work, delicensing of roller flour mills and adoption of new technology during the last three/four years;

(b) what is the number of posts of Additional Secretaries, Joint Secretaries, Deputy Secretaries, Directors, Under Secretaries besides Desk/Section Officers reduced in the Directorate of Vanaspati and Directorate of Sugar as a measure of economy stating the annual estimated administrative expenditure curtailed as a result thereof; and

(c) what other measures have been taken to curtail non-plan expenditure in the Ministry stating the annual estimated reduction in the expenditure during the last three/four years?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI D. L. BAITHA): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Implementation of Papan Kalan Scheme

2656. SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the present position regarding finalisation and implementation of the Papan Kalan Scheme; and

(b) the related policies and procedures if any, formulated for the affected residents covered under the scheme Nos. 170 and 172?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) The Development plan of Papankalan Scheme was approved by the Delhi Development Authority on 12th December, 1988 and work relating to finalisation of estimates, preliminary demarcation of roads and development of acquired lands in Phase-I, has since been taken up.

(b) Area Nos. 171 and not (170) and 172 have been declared as Development areas under Delhi Development Act, 1957. Any fresh construction in these areas can